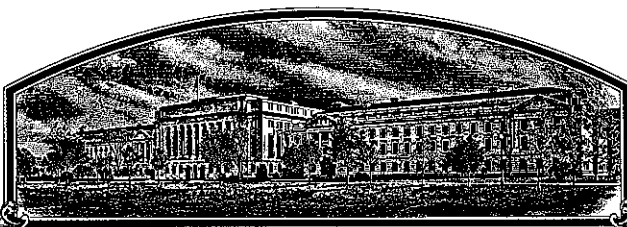


No.

9000007



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Asgrow Seed Company

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED NOVEL VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF *eighteen* YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT (34 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'A2543'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this 31st day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two.

Attest

Kenneth A. Evans
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Edward Madigan
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

FORM APPROVED: OMB NO. 0581-0055

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

(Instructions on reverse)

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Asgrow Seed Company		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION XP2543	3. VARIETY NAME A2543
4. ADDRESS (Street and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) Gull Road Kalamazoo, MI 49001		5. PHONE (Include area code) 515-232-7170	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9000007
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max	7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		FILING DATE Oct. 12, 1989 TIME 9:45 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.
8. KIND NAME Soybean	9. DATE OF DETERMINATION September, 1985		FEE RECEIVED AMOUNT FOR FILING \$ 2150.00 DATE Oct. 10, 1989 AMOUNT FOR CERTIFICATE \$ 250.00 DATE December 27, 1991
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation			
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware			12. DATE OF INCORPORATION March 22, 1968
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS James E. Miller Dr. Alan K. Walker Asgrow Seed Co. 1060 Hwy. 14 - East 634 E. Lincolway Janesville, WI 53546 Ames, IA 50010 608-755-1777 PHONE (Include area code): 515-232-7170			
14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety (See Section 52 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit B, Novelty Statement. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety (Request form from Plant Variety Protection Office.) d. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety. e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.			
15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See Section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," answer items 16 and 17 below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED? <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Registered <input type="checkbox"/> Certified	
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S.? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give date) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKED IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If "Yes," give names of countries and dates) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable. The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in Section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act. Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.			
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT James E. Miller		DATE 10-2-89	
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		DATE	

EXHIBIT A

Origin and Breeding History of A2543

1983- Cross was made in 1983

PARENTAGE: A3127/Century 84/2//AP6

1983-84- F₁ and F₂ generations grown at Isabela, Puerto Rico.
(winter)

1984- F₃ generation grown at Ames, Iowa. Two-hundred plants selected from bulk population and threshed individually.

1985- Progeny row GH831626 J85-28246 was selected for its uniformity, standability and disease resistance. This row was harvested in bulk and seeds were checked and verified for uniform seed coat luster and hilum color.

It was in September, 1985, that GH831626 J85-28246 was determined to be a stable and unique line.

1986- GH831626 J85-28246 was entered in the Preliminary II Yield tests conducted at three locations including: Ames, Atlantic, and Belle Plaine, Iowa.

GH831626 J85-28246 was tested for Phytophthora root rot resistance in the greenhouse in January, 1987, and found resistant to Race 1.

1987- GH831626 J85-28246 was entered in the Strain S202 Yield tests which were grown at 9 locations including: Ames, Atlantic, Belle Plaine, Clarion, Iowa; Dixon, Peoria, Illinois; Janesville Wisconsin; Oxford, Indiana; and Shelby, Nebraska.

GH831626 was selected for its yield standability and was assigned the maturity designation XP2543.

1987-88- Breeder seed was produced and increased in Puerto Rico.
(Winter)

1988- XP2543 was entered in advanced yield trials which were grown at 20 locations across the midwest.

XP2543 was tested for Phytophthora root rot resistance in the greenhouse in April 1988 and was found resistant to Race 1-5, 7-9, 13, 17, 21.

XP2543 was nominated for release and full production and assigned the designation A2543.

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Exhibit A continued...

1988- Foundation seed of A2543 was produced near Perry, Iowa.

A2543 is uniform and stable within commercially acceptable limits based on trial observations since its development in 1985. As with other soybean varieties, variants can occur for almost any characteristic during the course of repeated sexual reproduction.

EXHIBIT B

Novelty Statement concerning A2543 Soybean

To our knowledge the soybean varieties that most closely resemble A2543 are Elgin 87, Century 84, A2234, and 9271. Characteristics which differentiate A2543 include, but are not necessarily restricted to, the following:

1. Podwall Color:

A2543	=	Tan
Elgin 87	=	Brown
Century 84	=	Brown
A2234	=	Tan
9271	=	Brown

2. Peroxidase Activity:

A2543	=	High
A2234	=	Low

3. Seed Protein Percentage (0% moisture basis):

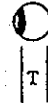
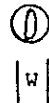
A2543	=	44.0%
9271	=	41.3%
Elgin 87	=	40.1%
Century 84	=	43.0%
A2234	=	41.6%

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Asgrow Seed Company	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION XP2543	VARIETY NAME A2543
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) Gull Road Kalamazoo, MI 49001		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9000007

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,). Starred characters ★ are considered fundamental to an adequate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described when information is available.

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

★ 2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown 4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

★ 4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

★ 5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4 = Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 6 = Black 7 = Other (Specify) _____

★ 6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow 2 = Green

★ 7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low 2 = High

★ 8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a) 2 = Type B (SP1^b)

★ 9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

★ 10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate 4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

☐ 21 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

☐ 31 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

★ 13. FLOWER COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

★ 14. POD COLOR:

☐ 1

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

★ 15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

☐ 2

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

☐ 31 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

★ 17. PLANT HABIT:

☐ 3

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

★ 18. MATURITY GROUP:

☐ 0 ☐ 51 = 000
9 = VI2 = 00
10 = VII3 = 0
11 = VIII4 = I
12 = IX5 = II
13 = X

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

★ 19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

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☐ 0Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

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☐ 0Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

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☐ 0Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

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Race 1

☐ 0

Race 2

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Race 3

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Race 4

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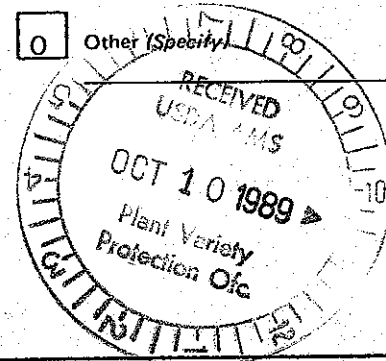
Race 5

☐ 0

Other (Specify)

☐ 0Target Spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*)☐ 0Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)☐ 0Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

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☐ 0Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)☐ 0Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ★ ☐ 0 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)
- ☐ 0 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
- ☐ 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
- Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
- ★ ☐ 2 Race 1 ☐ 2 Race 2 ☐ 2 Race 3 ☐ 2 Race 4 ☐ 2 Race 5 ☐ 0 Race 6 ☐ 2 Race 7
- ☐ 2 Race 8 ☐ 2 Race 9 ☐ 2 Other (Specify) Race 13, 17, 21, 11, 10

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
- ☐ 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
- ☐ 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
- ★ ☐ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 0 Race 3 ☐ 0 Race 4 ☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____
- ☐ 0 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
- ★ ☐ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
- ☐ 0 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
- ☐ 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
- ☐ 0 OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): _____

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ★ ☐ 0 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
- ☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
- ☐ 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
- ☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	ELGIN 87	Seed Coat Luster	ELGIN 87
Leaf Shape	ELGIN 87	Seed Size	9271
Leaf Color	A2234	Seed Shape	ELGIN 87
Leaf Size	ELGIN 87	Seedling Pigmentation	ELGIN 87

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
Submitted	A2543	1.4	84.0	10.6	15.1	45	21	16.1	
Name of Similar Variety	ELGIN 87	2.0	89.0	10.5	14.8	40	23	12.7	

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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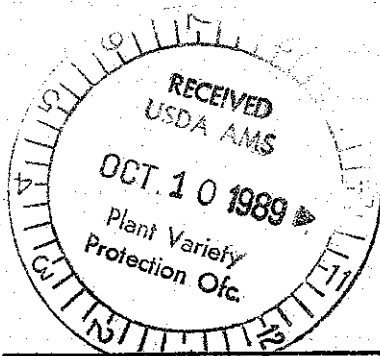


EXHIBIT D

Additional Description of the Variety

A2543 is a mid maturity group II cultivar that possesses outstanding and consistent yields relative to other cultivars of similar maturity. A2543 combines significant advancements in Phytophthora resistance, with excellent standability and emergence. It also possesses notably higher than average protein content.

Asgrow Seed Company
Plant Variety Protection Application - Soybean, A2543
August 16, 1989

EXHIBIT "E"

STATEMENT OF THE BASIS OF APPLICANT'S OWNERSHIP

A2543 was originated and developed by James E. Miller, Ph.D., an Asgrow Plant Breeder. By agreement between employee and Asgrow Seed Company, all rights to any invention, discovery, or development made by an employee are assigned to the Company. No rights to such invention, discovery, or development are retained by the employee.